

Ans. to Friend

My dear Brother

As the day draws near  
I send to you this from

Camp Russell Va.

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Mother & Brother

I received  
your very welcome letter yes-  
terday and was very glad to  
hear that you were improving  
and hope you will soon be  
able to go home. I should like  
to go myself for this is about  
as homesome a place as I  
have been in for a long time.

There has been some talk about  
our getting furloughs this winter.  
But I don't think we will get  
any home before next September

We have been having some very  
cold weather for a few days  
past - but it is quite warm  
now. one of the 8<sup>th</sup> Vermont  
froze to death while on the out-  
post - packet a few nights ago.  
I tell you it is tedious to  
be on picket such nights as these.  
I think I will get rid of  
doing duty in the Company  
this winter. for I have been helping  
the Adjutant for a few days and  
he told me to day that he would  
have me detailed for his Clerk. so  
I will be all sound for a winters  
job. Jimmy Dunn is in  
Winchester Clerking for Dr Wagner.  
he is having a soft time of  
it as usual. A great many  
have returned to the Regt that  
were wounded at the Winchester  
fight. the two Loomis boys Blakeman



Lammie, Kerrigan, Hase,  
and Crandall of our Co have  
returned. our Co. is the largest  
Co in the Regt now. we number  
33 men. the regt numbers

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recruits, and all the detail-  
ed men were ordered back  
after the Cedar Creek fight

Last night after dark  
our brigade was ordered  
out to hear an official  
dispatch read from Gen  
Thomas. Gen Dwight made  
us a short speech after it  
was read. there was a salute  
of one hundred guns fired  
here yesterday. Thomas and  
Sherman are doing "big  
things" and I hope they  
will continue to do so.  
~~and~~ and it will not

St. J. Gall  
June 18

Take Long to wind this thing up. I think the Army off the Valley have done their share towards it and now let the rest of them make a strike, and we will roast our shins by our fire places. Jerry says he sent your disciplinary list to you at nearly two weeks ago.

The coat that you packed in that box at New Orleans come about a week ago. I have got it and if I had any chance to send it to you, I would do so. But there is no way that I know of, to send it. Sargt Warner is here and well. And sends his respects to you.